

THE ARDMORE POSTOFFICE.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of 1902-3.

Through the courtesy of Postmaster David Redfield we present our readers with a comparative statement of Ardmore postoffice for the years 1902 and 1903:

Postage Receipts and Disbursements.

Receipts—1902.
First quarter—
Postage \$ 2,993.49
Newspaper postage 58.10
Box rents 304.50

Total \$3,356.09

Second quarter—
Postage \$ 2,598.05
Newspaper postage 60.45
Box rents 301.75

Total \$2,960.25

Third quarter—
Postage \$ 2,816.25
Newspaper postage 50.15
Box rents 302.70

Total \$3,169.10

Fourth quarter—
Postage \$ 3,258.78
Newspaper postage 45.47
Box rents 304.00

Total \$3,608.25

Grand total \$13,093.68

Receipts—1903.

First quarter—
Postage \$ 3,205.05
Newspaper postage 44.05
Box rents 329.50

Total \$3,578.60

Second quarter—
Postage \$ 3,024.04
Newspaper postage 48.07
Box rents 315.75

Total \$3,387.86

Third quarter—
Postage \$ 2,907.26
Newspaper postage 47.88
Box rents 319.72

Total \$3,274.86

Fourth quarter—
Postage \$ 3,021.61
Newspaper postage 45.01
Box rents 327.65

Total \$3,394.27

Total receipts 1902.....\$13,093.68

Total receipts 1903.....13,846.54

Increase \$ 752.86

Disbursements—1903.

First quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,450.00
Special delivery 15.04
Rent 125.00
Postal clerks 193.61
Free delivery carriers 300.25

Total \$1,994.40

Second quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,450.00
Special delivery 14.56
Rent 225.00
Postal clerks 443.95
Carriers 329.10

Total \$2,133.51

Third quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,656.00
Special delivery 13.84
Rents 225.00
Postal clerks 479.88
Carriers 300.25

Total \$2,674.97

Fourth quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,687.00
Special delivery 19.50
Rents 225.00
Postal clerks 500.00
Free delivery 330.46

Total \$2,762.06

Total disbursements 1903.....\$9,564.94

Disbursements—1902.

First quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,224.00
Special delivery 9.92
Rents 125.00

Total \$1,358.92

Second quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,224.00
Special delivery 10.56
Rents 125.00

Total \$1,359.56

Third quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,424.00
Special delivery 14.48
Rents 125.00
Electric fans 48.87

Total \$1,612.35

Fourth quarter—
Salaries of postmaster, clerks and janitor \$1,450.00
Special delivery 17.12
Rents 125.00

Total \$1,592.12

Grand total \$5,312.95

Total disbursements 1902.....\$5,312.95

Total disbursements 1903.....\$9,564.94

Increase \$4,251.99

CARRIERS.

Total \$1,714.85

Total disbursements, 1902.....\$6,175.68

Total disbursements, 1903.....9,564.94

Increase disbursements 1903 over 1902.....\$3,389.30

Four Star routes.....\$72.94
Making a total paid out by the government for postoffice and star route expenses.....\$3,236.94

Total receipts 1903.....13,846.54

Balance.....\$ 609.60
The government receiving \$609.60 more than its expenditures.

It should be remembered that in 1902 two new railroads came into Ardmore and also our internal improvements, such as waterworks, school houses, etc., added largely to postal receipts for that year. The installation of carrier service also increased the current receipts \$246. So that altogether the postoffice shows that Ardmore has done fairly well.

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LOCAL MARKETS.

(By M. Felker.)

The following are the prevailing prices paid for produce today:
Wheat—75c.
Corn—45c.
Sweet Potatoes—75c and \$1.00
Butter—15¢@20c.
Eggs—16¢@20c.

Poultry.

(By William Newman.)

Ducks—Per dozen \$2.00.
Turkeys—Gross, 6c.
Geese—Full feathered \$3.50.
Hens—Per dozen \$2.00.
Frying Chickens—\$1.50
Eggs—Per dozen 20c.
Dry Sides—8¢@14c.
Pecans—3c.

Live Stock.

(By Cold Storage Market.)

Fat cows (gross) cwt.....1.50@2.00
Fat calves.....\$2.00@5.00
Fat hogs (gross) 100 lbs.....\$4.25@4.50

Cabbages In Pledge.

There is one pawnbroking establishment in connection with Covent Garden market that is absolutely without a rival. This pawnbroking license enables the holder to lend money on garden and other produce by special contracts that only hold good for forty-eight hours at the extreme limit. Many a good load of fruit, flowers or vegetables that may arrive late for one market or that may not be instantly saleable is pledged. Next morning the stuff can either be redeemed or sold by the broker.

Waiting a Second.

"Wait a second," she said as she stepped into the store.
"Certainly," he replied, and when he had been up town, looked through his mail, spent two hours on telephone and taken luncheon at the club he returned and found her just emerging from the door.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Time and Eternity.

"I trust I am not unduly trespassing on the time of this court," once said a proxy counselor to Lord Cockburn.
"There is some difference," the judge quietly observed, "between trespassing on time and encroaching on eternity."—Success.

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TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

COTTON MARKET.

By Guillot Bros.

Liverpool Futures.

	OPEN.	CLOSE
Jan.	7.78-74	7.73
Jan. Feb.	7.74-69	7.66-67
Feb. Mch.	7.73-68	7.65-66
Mch. Apl.	7.70-66	7.64-65
Apl. May	7.68-65	7.62-63
May June	7.65-62	7.61
June July	7.65-62	7.67-68
July Aug.	7.61-58	7.64-55
Aug. Sep.	6.43-40	

Spots Sales 3000 Tons easy

New York Futures.

	OPEN	CLOSE
Jan.	14.80-82	14.80-82
Mch.	14.60	14.80-81
May	14.80	14.99-15c
July	14.90	14.08-09
Aug.		14.40-41

New Orleans Futures.

	OPEN	CLOSE
Mch.	14.82	14.88-89
May	15.17	15.21-22
July	15.40	15.45-46

Chicago Grain Market.

	WHEAT.	CORN.	OATS.
May	90 1/2	91 1/2	81 1/2
July	81 1/2	82 1/2	71 1/2
May	49 1/2	49 1/2	47 1/2
July	47 1/2	47 1/2	45 1/2

May.....41 1/2 42 1/2

July.....37 1/2 37 1/2

May.....13.32 13.32

July.....13.32 13.32

May.....13.32 13.32

July.....13.32 13.32

THE ISLE OF NOBLES.

A Famous Historic Site, the Cradle of Saxon Liberty.

The Isle of Athelney, or the Isle of nobles, as the name signifies is one of the most famous of historic sites. A thousand years ago it was a low islet covered with willows and reeds and surrounded by fens and overflowing marshes, altogether inaccessible except by boats. There King Alfred sought refuge with a wife and child, and there he lay concealed from the invading Danes for the space of a whole year. The report of his death led to this place caused it to be known as the "Isle of nobles," which may be regarded as the cradle and stronghold of Saxon Liberty. After Alfred regained the possession of his throne he created a Benedictine abbey on this spot and endowed it with all the lands in the Isle of Athelney. The abbey has entirely disappeared, but its site is marked by a stone pillar erected in 1801 by the owner of Athelney. The pillar bears this inscription: "King Alfred the Great in the year of our Lord 870 having been defeated by the Danes fled for refuge to this spot of Athelney, where he lay concealed from his enemies for the space of a whole year. He then after regaining possession of his throne, had in grateful remembrance of the protection he had received under the roof of heaven he created a monastery on this spot and endowed it with all the lands contained in the Isle of Athelney. To perpetuate the memory of so remarkable an incident in the life of this illustrious prince, this edifice was founded by John Shute Esq. of Marnell, the proprietor of Athelney, A. D. 1801."—London News.

THE MAN WITH THE ADZ.

Wonderful Accuracy of His Aim at the Butcher's Block.

Outside a butcher shop twenty or thirty persons stood watching a man at work with an adz. He stood on a large wooden block, such as meat is chopped on, which he had taken from its legs and placed on the curb sloping toward the street. The surface of the block had become scarred and roughened from use. With clean, accurate strokes of the adz the man soon made it as smooth as a malagasy table. It was the wonderful accuracy of his aim that made passersby stop to look at him. He paid no attention to them. A single false blow would have ruined the block. When the job was done, the man helped the butcher mount the block, collected \$5 and went off to keep another appointment.

"It has taken me twenty-three years to learn to chop like that," he said to a reporter. "My charge is from \$5 to \$10, according to the size of the block. A block requires evening off in that way every three or four years. I have customers now that I had when I first began business, twenty-five years ago. In all that time I have spoiled only two blocks, and they were during the two years of my apprenticeship. The butchers can get their chopping blocks put in condition by sending them to the sawmill. But it is more expensive, and they can't spare them so long from the shops. There is enough work of this kind in New York to keep myself and half a dozen others busy."—New York Press.

Korean Men's Hats.

The quaintest feature of the picturesque costumes of the Korean men is their hats. They are mousetrap-like arrangements made from the hair of the wearer's ancestors. This priceless possession is handed down from father to eldest son, who reaches the goal of his ambition at the moment when the family hat is placed upon his head. Another grotesque form of Korean headwear is the mourning hat that is worn in rural districts by the eldest son for three years after the death of either of his parents. This conical shaped affair of rushes or rice straw is as large as a bushel basket and extends to the shoulders.

The Value of Exercise.

The brain that never calls upon itself for work must become dull and stupid, and it is the same way with the muscles of the body. They are filled with blood vessels that should be up and doing. The blood has several purposes, and one is to carry away the waste fluids of the body. The lungs are a sort of refinery, and the blood is a distilling agent. If the blood becomes thick and unhealthy and sluggish the body does not keep its youthful state. Eyes grow dull, lips lose their redness, and the complexion is sallow and unlovely. It is an easy and simple matter to make exercise a habit.

Wart Cures.

Vinegar and cooking soda in solution are said to make a capital cure for warts. If the wart is kept moist with it for ten minutes several times a day it will disappear in the course of a week or so in ordinary cases. Another cure is to touch frequently with acetic acid or nitric acid, but one must be careful not to irritate the surrounding skin by dropping either acid.

Why They Spoke.

"We had known each other slightly," said Miss Evvy Waite, "but never to speak to until one day while out skating I fell down quite near him, and"—
"Ah, yes?" replied Miss Peppery. "That broke the ice, of course."—Philadelphia Press.

Choosing a Minister.

Dean Everett used to say that parish committees had no more ability choosing a minister than a minister showed in buying a horse.—Boston Christian Register.

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